ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Gynecology Oncology

Infections:
• State first location and type
• Indicate organism if known

Anatomy:
• Document specific site(s) with anatomic specificity
  ○ Example: posterior cul-de-sac
• Document overlapping sites
  ○ Example: neoplasm involving endocervix and exocervix
• Document laterality where appropriate

ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – GYN Oncology

ICD-10-PCS Characters: Every code includes all seven characters

Section – almost always medical/surgical, don’t need to state

Body system – almost always female reproductive system

Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure

• Resection – removal of all of a body part
• Excision – removal of a portion of a body part
• Destruction – eradication of all or portion of body part by use of energy, force or destructive agent
• Extraction – pulling or stripping by the use of force (D&C)
• Release – freeing a body part from abnormal constraint
• Restriction – Partially closing an orifice or lumen of tubular body part (cervical cerclage)
• Occlusion – Completely closing an orifice or lumen of tubular body part (tubal ligation)
**Body part** – the specific body part (or subsection thereof) addressed in an operative procedure

**Approach** – open, percutaneous endoscopic, percutaneous endoscopic (laparoscopic), via natural opening

**Device** – describe the type or simply state the exact device(s) used for each part of the procedure (extraluminal clips)

**Qualifier** – not used much in gynecology section

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**Recommendations:**
- List each distinct part of a procedure separately at the beginning of the operative note (component documentation)
- Radical Trachelectomy: “radical trachelectomy is a complex surgical procedure that removes: the cervix, parametrium, pelvic lymph nodes, a portion of the vagina, and then connects the uterus to the vagina”
- Component documentation results in coding of:
  - Resection cervix
  - Resection pelvic lymph nodes
  - Excision (part of) vagina

**Lymphadenectomy:**
- Key documentation tip: (the entire lymphatic chain is the body part)
  - document resection for removal of the entire lymphatic chain
  - document excision for partial removal of the entire lymphatic chain

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